

Holiday Fat Day For Ski! Resorts

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Utah ski resorts are counting their money after a big Thanksgiving week that saw thousands flock to the mountain slopes.

"Thanksgiving day was our biggest opening day ever," said Peter Crowley, the spokesman for Sundance, Utah County's only alpine ski resort.

He attributed the record day to "excellent" early snow, the new Arrowhead triple-chair lift that added up to 30 percent more skiable terrain, a new log-cabin warming house and new marketing techniques.

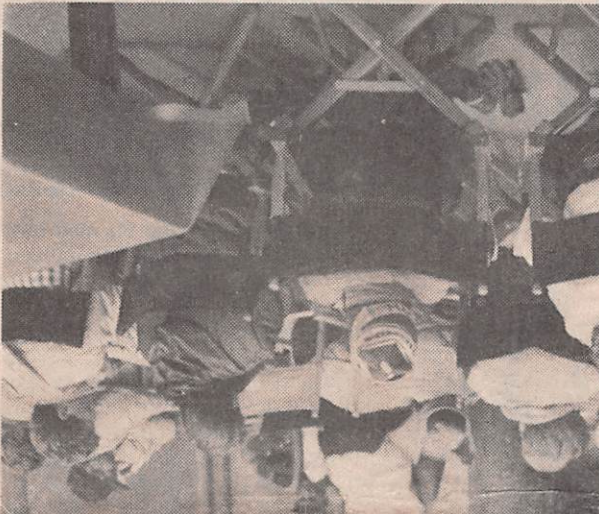
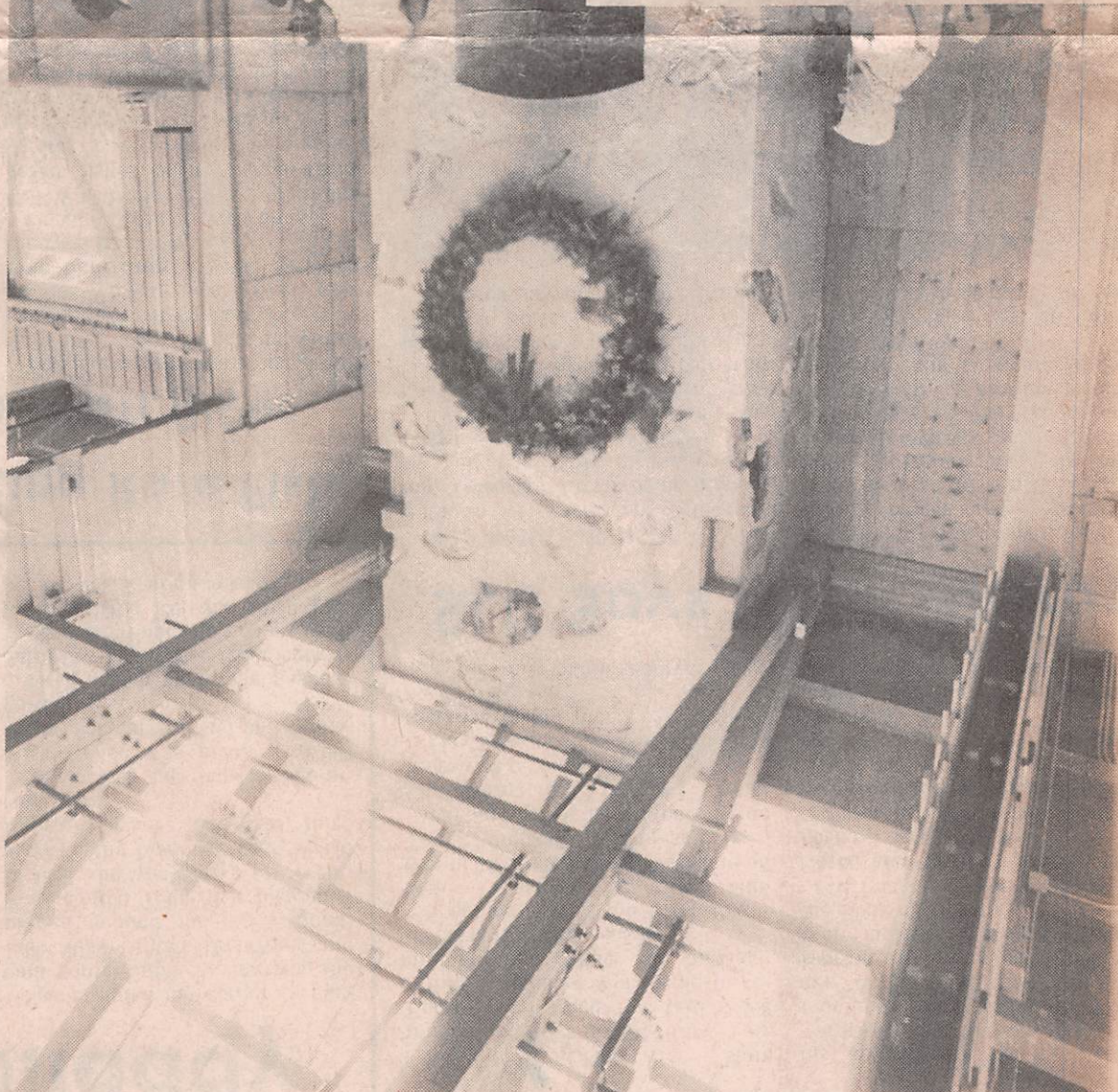
Ken Taylor, director of Aspen Grove Family Camp — a cross-country skiing and snowmobile resort located above Sundance in Provo Canyon's north fork canyon — said Thanksgiving Day was

also a big day for Aspen Grove. "We were pretty well booked up," said Taylor who claimed that Thanksgiving weekend and Christmas week are Aspen Grove's busiest times.

He said that almost continuous falling snow kept some of Aspen Grove's guests inside but Taylor said many guests took ski or snowmobile tours.

"There for a while on Saturday, it was beautiful," said Taylor of Saturday afternoon when the clouds parted and strong sunshine lit up the white slopes of Mt. Timpanogos.

Many who skied over the big Thanksgiving Day weekend were from out of state. Sue Molitoris at Little Cottonwood Canyon said Dick Bass' ski resort did a "good business." Thanksgiving weekend and can now "settle down into a



Patrick Christian Photos

The new rehearsal hall at Sundance is open to help warm skiers taking a break (above), while others just kept going up and down (left) to take advantage of the good snow.



three handwritten journals believed to be part of the mysterious McLellan Papers. But the Houston resident claims he never had any dealings with Hofmann or bombing victims Steven Christensen or

investigators trying to solve the Oct. 15 bombings that killed Christensen and Sheets in separate explosions and critically injured Hofmann one day later, have said the McLellan Collection may be linked to the

or exposure of double-dealing may have led Hofmann to violence. No charges directly related to the bombing assassinations have been filed. The three journals purportedly written by 19th Century Mormon

Traugher said the journals had more than 500 pages of the writings of his father, J. L. Traugher, a confidant of McLellan, wrapped in newspapers dated from the 1880s. One of the unsigned journals p

Miss Utah-USA From Holladay

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 20-year-old Holladay woman has been chosen Miss Utah-USA out of a field of 26 competitors, earning the right to attend the Miss USA Pageant in Miami next May.

Stephanie Ann Reber, daughter of Erland and Sharlene Reber, could vie for the Miss Universe title if she should win the Miss USA competition.

Miss Reber is a graduate of Skyline High School and is enrolled at the University of Utah, where she is studying elementary education. She hopes to gain a master's degree in either law or education.

She is not a newcomer to pageant competition, having won the 1983 Miss United Teen-Ager and placed second in the National Miss United Teen-Ager pageants. In 1982, she was Utah's representative to the National Teen World Pageant, where she was third runner-up.

Along with her trip to Miami, Miss Reber was given a \$2,000 acting scholarship and an evening gown.

First runner-up in the pageant Saturday night was Kim Egbert, 18. Second runner-up honors went to Lisa Ellis, 20, and third runner-up was Toni Chabre, 18.

Sinkholes Sucking Rare Fish From Southern Utah River

HURRICANE, Utah (AP) — The Woundfin Minnow, a rare 4-inch fish found only in the Virgin River as it flows through portions of Utah and Arizona, is being endangered by sinkholes, authorities say.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials are considering two options to address the problem, including lining a 1,000-foot section of the river east of this southwestern Utah community of 2,400 to keep water from seeping into the sinkholes.

Another plan to preserve a 7.5-mile stretch of the river used by the fish is to divert the river into pipes and detour it several miles around the sinkholes.

The sinkholes were first spotted last spring, and may be recharging a huge underground reservoir of warm, salty water. About the same time the sinkholes appeared, officials say flows surged at the Pah Tempe Springs, which spouts from the Virgin River Canyon 2 miles downstream from the holes.

The increased warm springs flow into the river, which previously had contaminated about two miles of the Virgin, now affect more than nine miles — and threatens the rare minnow.

Donald Archer, coordinator of USFW's Upper Colorado endangered fishes agency, said recent studies have found the minnows are remaining in contaminated waters with possibly alarming results. "(They) seem to be less prevalent and there was no reproduction this year," he said.

The Washington County Water Conservancy District, which built the Quail Creek Dam recently to store spring runoff in the Virgin, also is concerned with the problem.

Ronald Thompson, attorney for the district, said "thousands of dollars" have been spent to re-channel the river to prevent water from pouring into the sinkholes.

LDS President Puts Christmas in D

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon Church President Ezra Taft Benson urged the faith's 5.8 million members worldwide to remember and ponder the message of Christmas this season.

Speaking during the First Presidency Christmas Devotional Sunday at the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Temple Square, Benson said that, "Without Christ there would be no Christmas, and without Christ there can be no fullness of joy."

The devotional was broadcast by satellite to Mormon congregations nationwide.

In his first public address since

his appointment as the church "prophet, seer and revelator" last month following the death of Spencer W. Kimball, the 86-year-old Benson also reminded Mormons of their unique scriptural heritage, the Book of Mormon.

"It is another testament of Jesus Christ and the most correct of a book on earth," he said.

Mormons regard four volumes — the Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price, Doctrine and Covenants and the Bible — as sacred scripture.

Also speaking was Elder Dall Oaks, who said Christmas "r

SLC Says AT&T Disrup

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Deregulation of American Telephone and Telegraph Co. is being blamed by Salt Lake City officials for a possible \$500,000 budget deficit.

Al Haines, chief city administrative officer, said the shortfall was created by lower-than-projected utility franchise tax receipts from Mountain Bell.

Anticipating the deficit, Haines

said the city would institute a "spending freeze" on spending over the next several months. Salt Lake City made a similar move in 1983, offsetting an \$800,000 shortfall.

Haines said the freeze would include a hiring slowdown for new personnel and a review of operational expenses.

Recent Public Service Commission rulings brought a 30 percent

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Rape and Kidnap Suspect Boy, 15

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Police Monday had a 15-year-old West Valley City boy in custody for investigation of rape and kidnapping.

The youth is suspected of raping a woman at gunpoint in her Kearns home Sunday night, then forcing her to drive to a Great Salt Lake beach where she was abandoned

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good groove for the rest of the ski season."

Crowley said Robert Redford's Sundance ski resort took an informal survey to see how many people from out of state skied at Sundance because of their new marketing program — now more aggressively courting non-Utahns.

"We conducted a parking-lot survey and found that we had many out-of-staters especially from Nevada and California.

"Local skiers came out in force too," said Crowley. He said that while prices have been increased, Sundance still relies heavily on

local support and offers discounts coupons at Albertson or 7-11 stores.

"We had a lot of local skiers who paid the full price and were not disappointed," said Crowley.

One local skier, Mike Perkins of Orem said he skied Saturday with his daughter.

"The new lift and warming house at the top is very impressive," he said. Perkins said the new rehearsal hall that Sundance has opened for brown-baggers or those who want to buy food from the menu is a vast improvement.

Crowley said night skiing at Sundance will start Jan. 2.

the meal, but no one was complaining. Maybe one can't take the 20th Century completely out of the modern student after all.

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justify the signal."

Johnson said he told Graves there have been a number of serious accidents at that location and Graves said there is a second formula used to justify signals.

"He stated that if the accident rate is 1.5 per million vehicles in that area the signal may be granted. He said he would recommend

Practical Lecture Series sponsored by the BYU School of Management.

Workshop to Discuss Books

A free workshop on children's literature will be given Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 36 W. Center, Provo.

The Museum of Childhood and the Children's Bookshop are sponsoring the event.

Defonda Collier, noted authority on children's books, will conduct a lecture and workshop. She will discuss favorite Christmas books and give suggestions on selecting books for giving children of all ages.

Reservations are suggested. Call 377-7010 for more information.